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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 11. A marked-up copy of this claim is attached.

11. (Amended) An optical apparatus for vacuum ultraviolet lithography, comprising the optical element as set for in claim 8.

Please add new claims 14 and 15 as follows:

14. (New) An optical apparatus for vacuum ultraviolet lithography, comprising the optical element as set for in claim 7.

15. (New) An optical apparatus for vacuum ultraviolet lithography, comprising the optical element as set for in claim 9.

REMARKS

Claim 11 has been amended and claims 14 and 15 have been added to correct improper multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

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